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March 18, 2005

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station – 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-88A, D.T.E. 03-88B, D.T.E. 03-88C, D.T.E. 03-88D, D.T.E. 03-88E
and D.T.E. 03-88F, Costs To Be Included in Default Service Rates

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On January 21, 2005, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, the Attorney General and Associated Industries of Massachusetts (together, the "Settling Parties") submitted for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and a Settlement Agreement resolving issues in D.T.E. 03-88A through D.T.E. 03-88F. The Joint Motion and the Settlement Agreement provide that if the Department does not approve the Settlement Agreement in its entirety by February 18, 2005, it shall be deemed withdrawn. On February 18, 2005, the Settling Parties agreed to extend that deadline until March 18, 2005.

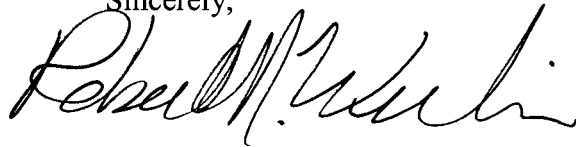
In order to accord the Department sufficient time to review the Settlement Agreement, the Settling Parties have agreed to extend the deadline for approval of the Settlement Agreement to March 31, 2005. Therefore, by this letter, the Settling Parties hereby amend Paragraph 3.5 of the Settlement Agreement, as previously amended, by deleting the date "March 18, 2005" and inserting in its place "March 31, 2005." Similar changes are hereby made to the Joint Motion at pages 1 and 2.

I hereby certify that each of the Settling Parties has authorized me to represent its agreement to the terms of this amendment to the Settlement Agreement. If you have any questions, please call.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Werlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert N. Werlin

cc: John Geary, Hearing Officer
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